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County Sealer O. E. Mikesell Submits First Report of Work Done Since Appointment in July

O. Evans Mikesell, county sealer of pounds in weights, and the large weights and measures, has just submitted his first report to the state weights. It is very important that these scales should be tested.

Mr. Mikesell was appointed by the county commissioners four months ago, who exercised the prerogative conferred by the last session of the legislature, and created the office. Since that time Mr. Mikesell has been active, first qualifying for the position by attending the state convention of sealers, and visiting Pittsburgh and other large cities and making personal inspections with the inspectors there. He also made addresses before the marketing clubs of Charleroi and Monongahela, relative to weights and measures, and showed how essential it was to insist on getting all one pays for, and how seldom this has been done. In his report Mr. Mikesell says:

"The field work to date is practically a story of the first inspection made in Washington. A total number of 3,038 pieces was tested. Of this number there were 647 weights. A

number of the weights were confiscated, and many were adjusted; many were too light and a few were too heavy. Scales and measures to the number of 1,974 were sealed, and 417 were condemned and confiscated. Only one yard stick was condemned and confiscated.

"Of course this first inspection does not include any large capacity scales, as no provision has yet been made for assistance or transportation of the weights. There are more than 100 such scales in Washington and probably many hundred more in the country. The portable platform so often used in groceries requires 100 to 250

"I wish to state that the tradesmen as a whole have been extremely courteous and have shown a willingness to co-operate in this work, and any exceptions to this rule have been very rare."

PARCELS POST TO BECOME A REALITY

Postmaster General Hitchcock Announces Regulations—Appropriations Made for City Delivery Offices

Postmaster J. E. McCordle is in seven zones increase one cent for the receipt of instructions for the inauguration of the parcel post service, which becomes effective on January 1st, 1913. The law provided "That hereafter fourth-class mail matter shall embrace all other matter includ-

ing farm and factory products not now embraced by law in either first, second, or third class not exceeding eleven pounds in weight nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in length and girth combined nor in any form or kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery."

For the purpose of carrying this law into effect, the United States is divided into eight zones with different rates of postage for each. The rates on the local rural routes is five cents per pound increasing one cent for each additional pound. The first zone contains a radius of fifty miles and the postage is 5 cents for the first pound, and increasing three cents for each additional pound. The other

Postmaster General Hitchcock this morning announces that \$300,000 of the parcels post appropriation is distributed among 1,600 post offices in the United States having city deliveries. Pittsburgh gets \$1,000. New York, Boston and Philadelphia each get \$10,000. The money is to be used for supplying equipment. Some of the smaller offices will come in for their pro rata.

TOYLAND OPEN TO THE CHILDREN

We cordially invite you to bring the Children to inspect the largest, best and cheapest line of Toys that we have had the pleasure of displaying.

All sorts of Toys to please the Boys.

Just the kind of Toys that your Girl wants.

DRESSED DOLLS.—We are making a special low price on Dressed Dolls this Xmas. Be sure that you see our Dolls before you buy.

Why Not Books for Xmas?

MIGHT'S BOOK AND TOY STORE

CONDUCTING BLACK HAND INVESTIGATION

County Detective McCleary and Detective Hilton at Marianna—Place Said to be Headquarters of Bad Gang

STABBING AFFRAY MAY END IN MURDER

One man stabbed until he is likely to die, and another fearing an attack to the letters.

A few days ago it is told a man charged to the Black Hand society claimed to be Fortulata entered the home of Baldi and drawing a revolver fired point blank at him. His aim was poor. The bullet passed Baldi, nearly striking his wife, and lodged in a cupboard door. The man fled, but was later captured. Mike Dangelo was accosted, it is asserted by Costi who drew a revolver. Dangelo was too quick for him, and grabbed the gun before he had time to pull the trigger. Some one sneaked up behind and planted a knife in his back. Dangelo is now in the Mercy Hospital at Pittsburg. Marianna is believed to be the headquarters of a bad Black Hand gang, and many of the Italians there are in terror.

CHARLEROI BEATS MONESSEN ELEVEN

Moody, W. & J. Fullback Makes Two Touchdowns and One Goal

THIRTEEN FINAL SCORE

Monessen was given a severe setback in a football way by the Charleroi Independent team on Saturday afternoon, and the local kickers laid hold of a claim to the title of championship of the upper Monongahela valley. There were seventeen reasons, all counted and properly tabulated, with a bank counting machine, why Charleroi won. Sixteen of them live in Charleroi. Seventeen was the lack of something from across the river. So far as scoring was concerned, and so far as several other things were concerned, Moody was the big cheese. This W. & J. fullback who is pleased to call Charleroi his place of habitation, made 13 scores by his lonesomeness, that being the Charleroi aggregate to the none of Monessen. One of Moody's remarkable actions was that of grabbing a forward pass of Monessen's and speeding down the field a distance of about 85 yards to plant it behind the goal line. He then kicked goal.

Moody made his first touchdown the first quarter. Monessen kicked to Charleroi, who forthwith ran the pigskin down past the middle of the field. Monessen was tantalized by being given the ball for a short space, then Charleroi asked for it again in a fumble. This happened not very far from the line, so Moody was sent over. Riggs failed on the try for goal.

It was near the end of the game, when Monessen was shoving Charleroi to beat all get-out that Moody (Continued on fourth page)

"Put Yourself in His Place," 2 reel feature at the Star on Tuesday.

TEACHERS INTERESTED

Many Enroll as Members of State Organization

COMMITTEES AT WORK

In the campaign for new members the Department of Washington county of the Pennsylvania State Educational association bids fair to make a splendid showing when the reports from all the districts are gathered in says the Washington Observer. A number of the districts report their entire teaching force for enrollment. The teachers of the county are evidently recognizing the advantages which must accrue to the profession in the event that a strong and permanent state organization is effected.

Then, too, the pride which is felt for old Washington county will, no doubt, be a deciding argument with many, because all will share in the gratification of teaching in a county which occupies front rank in state educational circles.

The executive committee reports that every effort has been made to place a registration card in the hands of every teacher in the county, either directly or through a member of the staff membership committee. It is hoped by these committees that everybody will be prompt in responding in order that an early report may be made to Harrisburg.

The committees in charge of the campaign with the districts which are represented to date follow:

Dr. J. George Becht, president, Harrisburg.

Dr. J. P. McCaskey, secretary, Lancaster.

Prof. David S. Keck, treasurer, Kutztown.

Supt. T. L. Pollock of Charleroi is a member of the county executive committee.

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If you would be best served and well pleased with your holiday purchases you will come in at once, as every advantage goes with early selections.

Remember a visit to this store does not incur any obligation to buy.

Our stock is superb: our facilities never better, and our willingness to serve you truly sincere.

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John B. Schafer

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Bush, Cashier.

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GIFT HEADQUARTERS

Our store is Charleroi's Christmas Store. We have a complete line of Christmas goods, and we have never before shown such variety. Make this store your shopping point when looking for gifts.

Wearing Apparel For The Whole Family,
and gotten up so nicely that you will have little trouble in getting nice gifts. Be practical by buying practical gifts and your friends will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

This store will be open nights until Christmas, for those who cannot buy in daytime.
Shop early and in the day if possible as we can give you better attention and in selecting colors you can judge them better.

PROGRAM AT THE STAR

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9.

Monday.

Taking Care of Baby

Than.

Mary's Goat

Than.

The Tree Imp

Maj.

One, Two, Three

Amer.

Tuesday.

Put Yourself in His Place, 2 reels

Than.

Dooley's Triumph

Comet

Wednesday.

A Brother's Requital

Rcl.

A Magnetic Personality

Lux

Spiffkins Eats Frogs

Lux

Bolivian Army

Gau.

Thursday.

Lost Stud—Disturbed Sentry Gt. Nor.

Tempest in a Teapot

Comet

Cupid's Lottery

Gau.

Friday.

Chiquita, the Dancer

Amer.

Men Who Dare, 2 reels

Rel.

Saturday.

The Wandered

Amer.

On, My Pipe

Lux

Hempach Bids for Freedom

Gau.

Domestic Treasures

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THE "GOBLIN FRIAR."

One of the Specters That Are Said to Haunt Newstead Abbey.

Newstead abbey, the home of Lord Byron, has the reputation of being haunted by more than one specter, and many curious noises and strange sights have been heard and seen by residents and visitors there. But the best known and most noted specter connected with the place and immortalized in Byron's verse is the "Goblin Friar." The particular chamber where this specter is supposed especially to frequent and which is known for excellence as the "haunted chamber" adjoins Byron's bedroom. Lord Byron and many others not only believed in the existence of the Black Friar, but asserted that they had really seen it. It did not confine its visitations, however, to the "haunted chamber," but at night walked the cloisters and other portions of the abbey.

A monk arrayed in cowl and beads and dusky garb appeared.

Now in the moonlight and now lapsed in shade,

With steps that trod as heavy, yet unheard.

This apparition is the evil genius of the Byrons, and its appearance portends misfortune of some kind to the member of the family to whom it appears. Lord Byron fully believed that he beheld this apparition a short time before the greatest misfortune of his life, his ill-starred union with Miss Milbanke. Alluding to his belief in these things, he said:

I merely mean to say what Johnson said—That in the course of some six thousand years

All nations have believed that from the dead

A visitant at intervals appears,

And what is strangest upon this strange head

Is that wherever bare the reason rears Gainest such beliefs there's something stronger still

In its behalf. Let those deny who will.

Kansas City Star.

HAYDN AND THE ROD.

When the Budding Composer Was Flogged by Royal Command.

An amusing incident of the healthy boyhood of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, is given by Mary Maxwell Moffat in her biography of the Austrian empress, Maria Theresa.

When von Reutter became choirmaster of St. Stephen's cathedral he had Joseph Haydn among his pupils.

During a visit to the Hungarian Prince Esterhazy, in 1773, Maria Theresa took occasion to say a word of praise to Haydn, who had composed the music of the opera given in her honor and had conducted the performance. She expressed the conviction that she had seen him before, although she could not remember the occasion.

"The last time your majesty was pleased to take notice of me," said Haydn, "you ordered me a good thrashing."

"That does not sound like me," rejoined the empress. "How did it happen?"

Then Haydn told of a Whitsunday when, with other pupils of von Reutter, he had been brought to Schoenbrunn to sing in the chapel. Between the services the boys took to clambering over the scaffolding of the new wings of the palace. The empress caught sight of them and sent word forbidding the dangerous sport. But the attraction of the scaffolding was irresistible. On the following day the boys were again risking their necks. When Maria Theresa expostulated with von Reutter, his surmise that the ringleader was "that young scamp, Joseph Haydn," led her to suggest that the rod be used to improve his memory.

Accompanied by a policeman, the neighbor made a forcible entrance through the scullery window, and quietly the two men made their way to the bedroom. The light of the constable's bollseye disclosed the head of a man in bed, and the policeman promptly drew his truncheon.

As promptly the occupant of the bed sprang out, and a desperate struggle began. Simultaneously a lady dashed across the room shrieking, threw open the window and at considerable peril clambered out. A second constable, passing at the moment, concluded that the lady was bent on suicide and, entering the front garden, held himself in readiness to catch the woman, who appeared to be about to fling herself into the ground.

The neighbor, however, dragged the lady back into the room, and then the truth began to assert itself. The captured invader of the empty house and the escaping lady were the occupant and his wife, who had suddenly changed their holiday arrangements without informing their too vigilant neighbor.—London Globe.

HOSTEL AND INN.

At one time the words "hostel" and "inn" were not confined to licensed houses, but were applied to lodging houses. The "Inns" of Oxford and Cambridge, very numerous before the introduction of colleges, were regulated by the college authorities. The inns of court were provided for the accommodation of law students. In olden times country houses of the aristocracy, during the absence of the owners, were used as "inns" or guest houses. It was then the rule to hang out as signs the arms of the owners:—London Globe.

HOW, indeed?

Small Boy Sister said to ask if you had any invisible ink. New Drug Clerk after looking among some bottles—*I guess we haven't, at least I don't see any.* Small Boy (contemporaneously)—*Huh! How do you expect to see it if it's invisible?* Chicago News.

Tart Retort.

Restaurant patron (caustically)—*I am glad to see your baby has slept up, madam.* Mother—*Yes, sir. You are the only thing that's pleased him since we saw the animal eat at the zoo.* Flock.

If your spirits are low something and if you have been doing something do something different.—H. B. Duke.

Colonial Photo, Dealer.

THREE FINGERS

WORTH \$10,500

TO LAUNDRY GIRL

Getting her hand caught in the cog wheel of a laundry machine and having three fingers severed will be worth \$10,500 to Miss Maud R. McLaughlin of Vandegrift. Last week the Westmoreland county courts awarded her that sum in damages in her suit against the Kiski Valley Laundry company.

OLIVER TWIST AT THE COYLE.

All the pathetic as well as the thrilling adventures of Oliver Twist, that most delightful creation of Charles Dickens, will be shown at the Coyne Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, in which Nat C. Goodwin and his star company pose for the films. Oliver's life from the time of his birth in the poor house, his experience with Fagin in the school of thieves and his attempted burglary at the instigation of the robber, Bill Sykes are graphically shown, as well as the startling exposition of the life of the underworld in London at that time. The photoplay is in five parts, and a lecturer supplies the theme of the story.

FORMER CHARLEROI TEACHER MARRIED

Miss Viola Van Voorhis, daughter of Clinton Van Voorhis, of near Monongahela and Harry A. Irwin, of Monessen were married Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. F. McRae, at Monongahela. They will likely live at Monessen.

THE LAST HOUR.

Beautiful Drama In Four Reels, Palace Theatre Tonight, and Famous Palace Orchestra. 117-11

BAZAAR NEW OPEN.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church have opened their annual Christmas bazaar in the Vetter building on McKean avenue, next to J. B. Schaffer's jewelry store. They have a fine array of fancy articles for Christmas giving as well as other things to suit present requirements. The bazaar will be open the first three days of the week.

GOOD BILL AT THE STAR.

Four photoplays is the bill at the Star Theatre tonight. Two of these are Thanholders, one a majestic and one an American. All these films are topliners.

NOTICE.

The Charleroi Skating Rink will be open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10. 117-11

THE CRAVING FOR FOOD.

Man Eats Because He's Hungry, Not For Scientific Reasons.

In an article in the Popular Science Monthly Professor W. B. Cannon of the Harvard Medical school writes:

"Why do we eat?" This question presented to a group of educated people is likely to bring forth the answer "We eat to compensate for body waste or to supply the body with fuel for its labors." Although the body is in fact losing weight continuously and drawing continually on its store of energy and although the body must periodically be supplied with fresh material and energy in order to keep a more or less even balance between the income and the outgo, this maintenance of weight and strength is not the motive for taking food.

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MEETINGS AT CLOSE

Accessions at First
Christian Church
Number 52

EVANGELIST TO LECTURE

What has proven a most successful series of evangelistic meetings was brought to a close at the First Christian church Sunday evening, when Evangelist Fred Austin Bright preached on the subject "Not Far From the Kingdom." Tuesday evening Evangelist Bright will return to give a free lecture at the church on the subject "The Land of Sacred Story."

During the course of the meetings there have been 52 accessions. The closing day was the banner day with 17 made known their desire to lead better lives. There was baptism at the evening services. Music by a chorus choir of 50 voices was a feature. Miss Georgia Parsons and Rev. E. N. Duty were the soloists.

Evangelist Bright's leading thought in his evening sermon was that there was too much procrastinating, that people apparently "not far from the Kingdom," hold back and forever lose themselves. The church was packed. Baptism is to take place on Wednesday evening of this week, and on next Sunday afternoon and evening. Arrangements will be made after the Wednesday evening meeting for a reception to be tendered in honor of the members received during the year, to be held on December 27. Since Rev. Duty assumed his pastorate here the first of last January there have been 86 accessions.

See our Special \$6.75 Genuine Full Cut Diamond Rings at H. Porter's, 534 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. F&M

MONESSEN WANTS DRESSED UP COPS

Admires Charleroi's Style of
Attire and Will Adopt
Pattern

ALSO FANCY THE PATROL

Full uniforms like those worn by the members of the Charleroi police are demanded for the Monessen policemen. Council of that borough has decided that Charleroi won't get ahead of them in the matter of uniforms, even if it does have an auto patrol. It is asserted the Monessen policemen used uniforms not much differing from ordinary street clothes.

TROUBADOURS TO GIVE A CONCERT HERE TUESDAY

Under direction of W. H. Giffen, the Troubadours Amusement Company will appear at the Charleroi Elks' club house Tuesday evening to give a concert and to play for a dance that will be held following the concert. A committee has issued invitations for the event. A good program has been arranged. The Troubadours are composed of artists in the musical line, including excellent soloists. Flute, violin and harp solos will be features.

The Ladies of the First Presbyterian church will hold a Bazaar on the evening of December 9 and all day and evening of December 10 and 11, at 517 McKean avenue. Fine line of fancy work. All kinds of homemade cakes, pies and candy. 115-43

Gold filled Baby Necklaces, special at \$1.00, H. Porter, Jeweler, 534 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. F&M

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"In reference to scales the percentage condemned is not clear, unless an explanation is made. These figures do not include the scales that were red tagged for repairs nor the large number adjusted by the sealer. The sealer is not supposed to repair or adjust scales, but where it can be done with very little loss of time it is done. The scale most usually confiscated is what is called the "Monkey" or "Family" spring scale. These scales do not pass muster in their make-up, but less than 1 per cent weigh correctly. The hand adjuster and hand itself are unprotected. It is a scale well built for defrauding purposes.

"In reference to dry measures it might be well to add that all bottomless measures were placed under the ban. One feature of the inspection to date is that not one dry quart was found in use that had been in use before the office was created. A dry quart contains 67.20 cubic inches in contents, and a liquid quart only 57.65 cubic inches, a difference of 9.45 cubic inches in favor of the dry quart.

In other words a dealer using a liquid quart in measuring cranberries or beans and selling seven quarts shorted the public about one full quart, which represented his illegal profit. Several sliding bottom measures were confiscated.

"I wish to state that the tradesmen as a whole have been extremely courteous and have shown a willingness to co-operate in this work, and any exceptions to this rule have been very rare."

Postmaster General Hitchcock Announces Regulations—Appropriations Made for City Delivery Offices

Postmaster J. E. McCordle is in seven zones increase one cent for the receipt of instructions for the inauguration of the parcel post service, which becomes effective on January 1st, 1913. The law provided "That hereafter fourth-class mail matter shall embrace all other matter including farm and factory products not now embraced by law in either first, second, or third class not exceeding eleven pounds in weight nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in length and girth combined nor in any form or kind likely to injure the person of any postal employee or damage the mail equipment or other mail matter and not of a character perishable within a period reasonably required for transportation and delivery."

Postmaster General Hitchcock this morning announces that \$300,000 of the parcel post appropriation is distributed among 1,600 post offices in the United States having city deliveries. Pittsburgh gets \$4,000. New York, Boston and Philadelphia each get \$10,000. The money is to be used for supplying equipment. Some of the smaller offices will come in for their proportion.

We cordially invite you to bring the Children to inspect the largest, best and cheapest line of Toys that we have had the pleasure of displaying.

All sorts of Toys to please the Boys.

Just the kind of Toys that your Girl wants.

DRESSED DOLLS.—We are making a special low price on Dressed Dolls this Xmas. Be sure that you see our Dolls before you buy.

Why Not Register for Taxes?

CONDUCTING BLACK HAND INVESTIGATION

County Detective McCleary and Detective Hilton at Marianna—Place Said to be Headquarters of Bad Gang

STARRING AFTER MAVEND IN MURDER

One man stabbed until he is likely to die, and another fearing an attack to the letters.

A few days ago it is told a man claimed to be Fortulata entered the home of Baldi and drawing a revolver fired point blank at him. His aim was poor. The bullet passed Baldi, nearly striking his wife, and lodged in a cupboard door. The man fled, but was later captured. Mike Dangelo was accused it is asserted by Costi who drew a revolver. Dangelo was too quick for him, and grabbed the gun before he had time to pull the trigger. Some one sneaked up behind and planted a knife in his back. Dangelo is now in the Mercy Hospital at Pittsburg. Marianna is believed to be the headquarters of a bad Black Hand gang, and many of the Italians there are in terror.

CHARLEROI BEATS MONESSEN ELEVEN

Moody, W. & J. Fullback
Makes Two Touchdowns
and One Goal

THIRTEEN FINAL SCORE

Monessen was given a severe setback in a football way by the Charleroi Independent team on Saturday afternoon, and the local kickers laid hold of a claim to the title of championship of the upper Monongahela valley. There were seventeen reasons, all counted and properly tabulated, with a bank counting machine, why Charleroi won. Sixteen of them live in Charleroi. Seventeen was the lack of something from across the river. So far as scoring was concerned, and so far as several other things were concerned, Moody was the big cheese. This W. & J. Fullback who is pleased to call Charleroi his place of habitation, made 13 scores by his lonesomeness, that being the Charleroi aggregate to the none of Monessen. One of Moody's remarkable actions was that of grabbing a forward pass of Monessen's and speeding down the field a distance of about 85 yards to plant it behind the goal line. He then kicked goal.

Moody made his first touchdown the first quarter. Monessen kicked to Charleroi, who forthwith ran the pigskin down past the middle of the field. Monessen was tantalized by being given the ball for a short space, then Charleroi asked for it again on a fumble. This happened not very far from the line, so Moody was sent over. Riggs failed on the try for goal.

It was near the end of the game, when Monessen was shoving Charleroi to beat all get-out that Moody (Continued on fourth page)

"Put Yourself in His Place," 2 reel Tanhauser feature at the Star on Tuesday. 11642

TEACHERS INTERESTED

Many Enroll as Members of State Organization

COMMITTEES AT WORK

In the campaign for new members the Department of Washington county of the Pennsylvania State Educational association bids fair to make a splendid showing when the reports from all the districts are gathered in says the Washington Observer. A number of the districts report their entire teaching force for enrollment. The teachers of the county are evidently recognizing the advantages which must accrue to the profession in the event that a strong and permanent state organization is effected.

Then, too, the pride which is felt for old Washington county will, no doubt, be a deciding argument with many, because all will share in the gratification of teaching in a county which occupies front rank in state educational circles.

The executive committee reports that every effort has been made to place a registration card in the hands of every teacher in the county, either directly or through a member of the staff membership committee.

It is hoped by these committees that everybody will be prompt in responding in order that an early report may be made to Harrisburg.

The committees in charge of the campaign with the districts which are represented to date follow:

Dr. J. George Becht, president, Harrisburg.

Dr. J. P. McCaskey, secretary, Lancaster.

Prof. David S. Keck, treasurer, Kutztown.

Supt. T. L. Pollock of Charleroi is a member of the county executive committee.



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LOCAL AGENCIES

G. S. Might... Charleroi
Mrs. Belle Sharpnack... Lock No. 4
T. Hixenbaugh... Belle Vernon

FOR A REUNITED PARTY.

Gov. John K. Tener, of Pennsylvania, an ardent supporter of President Taft before and after the Republican national convention, and Gov. Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, who led the fight in the Chicago convention for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for President, but who refused to bolt the convention with the Bull Moosers and supported the regular Republican ticket throughout the Presidential campaign, have both heartily indorsed the plan of Senator Cummings, also a Progressive, for a national gathering of regular and former Republicans with a view to reuniting all factions in the party.

The bitter partisanship already manifested by the Democrats in Congress and throughout the country has convinced many of those who shared in responsibility for the defeat of the Republicans that neither the regular party nor those who joined in the Roosevelt bolt may hope for strength enough to undo the Democrats and the proposed harmony meeting seems to all the one best way to get the Republican factions assembled in the same fold. The regular Republicans of Pennsylvania are already industriously at work on harmony plans and it is believed that immediately after the holidays definite action will be taken to rejuvinate and re-unite the Republicans not only in Pennsylvania but in every other State in the union.

THE PATRONS OF CHRISTMAS.

Right now are being enacted the most sublime instances of self-sacrifice human devotion and selflessness the world has ever known. Never was there a more true saying that "neither the world nor the lion know the other half lives, and one-half the world never knows the pathetic side of life that the Christmas season brings. This is the inability of the poor and middle class people to bring to their loved ones the Christmas joy and pleasure that they instinctively feel is deserved, but which must be foregone because of the lack of ways and means.

There is scarcely a husband who does not desire to give to his faithful wife some Christmas remembrance beyond the mediocre trifles that are usually the annual offering.

Our Moving Picture Show



Just plain, common everyday dubs,
We got tired of monopoly's rubs;
So we and some more
Formed a co-operative store,
And now we get more than the nubs.

Watch this space tomorrow

PICKED UP IN PASSING

well as a pleasure, and there is scarcely a wife who does not cherish the same feeling toward her husband, the manager of men making a prospectiveicker do the executive work himself, of which there might be complaints, Judge Joseph Buffington of the United States court in Pittsburgh relates the following of the late James S. McKean the father and founder of Charleroi: "I was sitting with Jimmie McLean, as every one called him who knew him, one night in his office when he was postmaster of Pittsburgh. While we were talking one of his letter carriers, Johnston we will name him came in and unburdened his woes. In short his work was too heavy, he had a route that covered three squares, 'other carriers, there, for instance, was Jackson, only had a couple of buildings.' The Postmaster listened with that patience and attention that hall-marks the genius public servant, and then said:

"I am glad to do what you want Johnston; I am going to give you Jackson's job and put him in yours."

"The carrier gasped. It was all so easy his kick had proved so effective, and I sat there wondering at what looked to me such queer management and such injustice to the absent Jackson, whose work was ruthlessly changed and a heavier burden put on him without a hearing. I said as much to the Postmaster, but with a merry twinkle of that Scotch humor and common sense that bubbled over in him he told me what was in his mind.

"In substance it was that Johnston was a good man, but his weakness was that he carried a larger load of kicks than he did mail, while Jackson was one who carried more mail than kicks. The former was a noisy fuzzer; the other a quiet doer."

"Those big tall buildings, said the Postmaster, are a new thing to carriers, and Jackson has more work in that one building alone than Johnson has on his whole route, but I could never satisfy Johnston of that until I let him have his own way."

"Strangely enough, I was sitting with McLean in the same office one evening a couple of weeks later and Johnston came in. He was a different man. Two weeks of work by him in regulating carrier routes had been well spent. He stood in front of McLean's table a bit sheepishly, but the Postmaster's kind heart would not needlessly humiliate any man. With kindly smile that put me at ease, at once at his ease he said:

"Well, Johnston, learned your lesson?" Johnston nodded. "Want to go back with Jackson? Another?" "Well, you may have our old 'if you really want it.'

The door closed on the Canadian's face. Johnston had not his own at and he did learn his lesson, and the incident may well teach us, whether we are like a handcart or like a horse, that responsibility for results often converts a pessimist into an optimist.

"How She Jugged Memory.

Little Marjorie was taking her first lessons in dancing. The teacher noticed that Marjorie always failed to put out her left foot when commanded to do so. The teacher was patient and thought Marjorie would learn it in time, but a number of lessons did not seem to make her know when to put out her left foot. Marjorie would put out that foot when the other children were placing their right feet forward. Finally the teacher asked Marjorie for explanation.

"Well, you see," said Marjorie, "I'm not a ballerina in a teetor or the left side and I always have to fit that better place with my tongue to find out which is my left foot"—Indianapolis News.

Silenced.

"What did you mean by starting that story that I was an unbeliever in the Scripture?" asked the deacon in great wrath.

"Well, deacon," said the man who had originated the report, "you know you told me that all you said about that boss I bought wagons true as gospel. An' you know how true it was."

"Er—ah," said the deacon.

Didn't Go in.

"I see you passed a candy store on your way home this evening."

"How in the world did you know that?"

"Because you didn't bring any candy with you"—Houston Post.

Spitful.

"I'd like to see the man who could persuade the to promise to love, honor and obey him," said Miss Wellington.

"I don't blame you," replied the pert young bride—Chicago Record-Herald.

SADDLE MAKING IN MEXICO

Entire Families Often Take Part in the Home Industry.

The making of saddles, while in the aggregate an important local Mexican industry, is purely a home affair, the artisans for the most part working independently in their own homes and often pressing the entire family into service. The manager of the largest wholesale and retail dealers in saddles in Mexico City says that all the saddles which they handle are made locally at home by hand, and he estimates that more than 100 families in the city are similarly employed.

Many of these handmade saddles are handsomely carved and most creditable in appearance, although the leather as a rule is far inferior to that used in American saddles. It is the practice of retailers to furnish the trees, leather and fittings of all kinds to the workmen and pay them for their actual labor. The labor is the cheapest item entering into saddle construction, many entire families being satisfied with a wage of 50 cents to \$1 American currency per day.

The saddlemakers used for the better grade of saddle are imported from the state of Colima, the cheaper grade of saddle being a tree or wooden saddle. American saddles or saddletrees are carried in stock by local merchants, but are ordered from time to time according to the specifications of the individual purchaser.—Trade and Commercial Reports.

ROLLING THUNDER.

Why the Rumble at Times Is So Long Drawn Out.

The prolonged roll of thunder is readily explained by comparison with a volley fired along a line of troops.

Suppose troops to be drawn up on a line in such numbers as to extend for a mile and ordered by a signal that all could see to fire at once. One standing at the end of the line would hear the report of the musket nearest him instantly. He would bear the others successively. Thus a report 550 feet away would come to him in half a second, and he would not bear the last report for five or six seconds after the gun had been fired. This would produce a sort of roll, which would gradually increase in intensity.

If the listener stood exactly midway between the two ends of the line the reports from both ends would reach him at once, and the sound would be but half as long in reaching him as if he stood at one extremity. If the soldiers formed a circle there would be one sharp explosion.

Flashes of lightning may be considered as representing three lines of troops along which the explosions occur at the same time. Consider the variety of distance and position of the listener and we account for the variety of sound in thunder. In mountainous regions the rolling is augmented by reverberations or echoes.

Pharaoh Had the Hookworm.

The hookworm has been preying on man perhaps for thousands of years. A papyrus written 2,460 years ago contains a description of a disease in Egypt which many physicians declare was the hookworm disease. It describes it too accurately to be anything else. In recent times it was observed in Egypt first in 1833, but the first record of treatment was made in 1857. Whether or not malaria was one of the chief causes of the downfall of Greece and Rome, it is very certain that hookworm disease has played a part in Asiatic history. The anemic condition of millions of people, century after century, has profoundly affected their economic life, their intellectual qualities, their social habits and ideals and their religion. Of that there can be no doubt—World's Work.

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Of course a trip into town will be most satisfactory, because there are so many, many things to be seen that we cannot give you even a hint of. All the Christmas departments are filled with the latest ideas in holiday goods—things from which may be selected the delightfully "foolish" gift, and the one called "practical."

The Toy Department is a revelation in what to buy for the kiddies. Bring them in to see the wonderful toys Santa has sent us for them.

Joseph Horne Co.
PITTSBURGH

READ THE MAIL

YOUR AMBITION.

Have You a Clear Cut Idea of the Object of Your Desire? Several years ago, when I filled a position which brought me many visitors each day and many more letters at the same time, I was overburdened with requests for advice from persons who wished "to succeed," "to accomplish," "to attain." But, as strange as the statement may seem to you, I can truthfully say that not one in a hundred of these earnest seekers was able to state exactly what he or she really wanted.

They were dissatisfied and discontented and felt the vague urge of unrest pushing them forward to further endeavor and attainment, but it stopped right there. Ninety-nine out of every hundred did not know what they wanted. They asked not only for advice regarding the means of accomplishment and attainment, but also for information as to what they should really desire.

"Silly," you exclaim. "Not a bit of it. I venture to say that you—yes, you who are now reading these lines—are not much better off regarding clear cut ideas and ideals. You want and want and want, of course, but just what do you want? Have you a clearly defined idea and a clear cut ideal of the object of your desire? Honor bright now, have you?"—William Walker Atkinson in *Nautios*.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LIFE.

A Bath Was a Matter of Some Moment in Those Days.

These brief extracts from the letters of Elizabeth Montagu, the "queen of the bluestockings," throw a curious light on eighteenth century life in England. She was suffering from a swollen lip. Promptly the great Dr. Mead prescribed a blister to her back. She writes:

"I am better than I was; but, my mouth not being yet perfectly reduced, I have got a fresh blister upon my back. Well may it bend with such a weight of calamities. I have sent for my bathing cloathes and on Sunday night shall take a souze. I think it a pleasant remedy."

Apparently in 1741 a lady could not take a bath even on Sunday night and in the privacy of her chamber without her "bathing cloathes."

Mrs. Montagu writes again: "My lip is not entirely reduced, though I have been blistered twice, once blooded and have now times taken physic, have lived upon chicken and white meats and drunk nothing but water. I have suffered great disappointment about the warm bath which I am advised to try, for the bathing tubs are so out of order that we have not yet been able to make them hold water."—*Westminster Gazette*.

The Smelt.

It is the opinion of the true gourmet that of all marine pan fish there is none to compare with the smelt (*Osmerus mordax*). This primary rank is its own by reason of its delicacy and delicious flavor, and when fried a light brown in very fine breadcrumbs and served with melted butter there is none that disputes its pre-eminence. Its delightful flavor, however, as well as its peculiar odor, is evanescent. Like the mackerel, it cannot be too fresh. It is from its odor that the smelt derives not only its familiar but Latin name, an odor so agreeable of sliced eel, which if its presence be manifested only to the sense of smell people are often deluded into such supposition. This odor is not marked except in the freshly caught fish and disappears in the cooking, giving place, however, to a fitting resurrection of the smelt to an olfactory sense still more savory and delightful.

The Struggles of a Sculptor.

Auguste Rodin, the French sculptor, had a great struggle with poverty and adverse criticism in his youth. Of an episode of this early period a writer says: "With that inflexible will and singleness of purpose that never failed him throughout his career the young sculptor set himself to express in clay, marble or bronze his conception of life and art. He used his leisure in working at nightime in a deserted stable he had transformed into a studio at his wonderful mask of 'The Man With the Broken Nose.' After eighteen months of hard and patient labor he finished this mask and set it to the saloon. It took the hanging committee fourteen years to discover any merit in the work, for it was rejected in 1864 and finally accepted only in 1873."

Literary Coincidence.

Resemblance does not always mean plagiarism. There was no plagiarism certainly in Newman's line "The night is dark and I am far from home," though it has been pointed out that it almost exactly reproduces a line in a play printed in 1599. This play is "Two Angry Women of Abingdon" by Henry Corrour, and the original line runs, "The late and dark, and I am far from home."

The Hallmark.

"Isn't that Marjorie Mince, the sourette star?"

"Yes."

"But she hasn't a particle of makeup on her face."

"She doesn't wear paint and powder on the street any more for fear she might be mistaken for a society leader."—Life.

Dear Living.

Pooping Wife—You used to call me the right of your life. Now—do I still? And do I still the mother who gives me reasons enough a rest?—Boston Journal.

THE FRIENDLESS SPIDER.

He's a Pretty Good Insect in Spite of His Looks and His Web—Aside from snakes, there is probably nothing more which would be friendlier to man than the spider. Yet when the spider is fairly brought to trial it is rather hard to prove anything against him except his appearance and a few cobwebs.

Apart from furnishing an example of industry and patience from which we might well profit, the spider feeds exclusively upon freshly killed insects, all of them being of the kind denounced by sanitary authorities, the housefly being its favorite quarry.

As the actual destruction of a few hundred houseflies means that several hundred thousand that would otherwise have spent gay lives in transmitting typhoid and other diseases will come into existence and as almost any spider should be able to account for as many as 300 in the course of a summer, to say nothing of stray mosquitoes and black gnats, we surely owe him something more than a tap with a slipper when we happen to catch him out of his hole.

A spider can bite, of course, but he seldom does except in self defense, and even then the bite is not much worse than would have been received from any one of the several hundred mosquitoes he has probably dined upon or will, if let alone. In the light of present scientific knowledge the story of the spider and the fly that was invited into the pretty parlor does not cause such a surge of sympathy for the fly as it once did.—Harper's W. S.

SHE LIKED TO BORROW.

Give Her a Fair Chance, Too, and She Was Willing to Pay Back.

Day by day as Mrs. Worth's household and kitchen furniture and groceries slowly disappeared she saw that the moment approached when a final stand must be made. One morning when Jimmy, son of the borrower, appeared at the back door with the statement: "Ma wants the wash boiler," Mrs. Worth determined to act.

"You tell your ma that when she brings back what she has already borrowed I will lend her the boiler."

In a little while Jimmy reappeared. "Ma wants to know what she has borrowed."

"There are a quart of flour," began Mrs. Worth, "a peck of potatoes, a cupful of sugar, a can of coffee, a half pound of lard, some onions and butter and spices, the screwdriver, the hatchet, a pair of scissors"—she paused, recollecting—"three spools of thread, a paper of needles and"—

But Jimmy was gone. Presently he tapped at the back door and announced:

"Ma says if you'll lend her the wash boiler to carry them in she'll bring 'em home."—*Youth's Companion*.

"Ma says for you to write 'em down. I forgot some of 'em."

Mrs. Worth sat down with pencil and patiently made an alphabetical list of all the articles she could remember.

Jimmy took the list and disappeared. A half hour later he once more appeared at the back door and announced:

"Ma says if you'll lend her the wash boiler to carry them in she'll bring 'em home."—*Youth's Companion*.

Geographies to Blame.

Ask any hundred English men, women or children what is the name of the capital of Russia and every one of them will reply, "St. Petersburg." It may be a small matter, but in point of fact the proper name is "Peterburg."

The English are the only folk who insist upon the "Saint." The city was founded by Peter the Great and is named after him. It is quite true that Peter was one of the most extraordinary men that ever filled a throne, but no one would have been more astounded than himself at being dubbed a saint. He neither lived nor died in the odor of sanctity, and it is hard to find out how it became the English fashion to miscall the splendid town he founded.

What it Cost.

In a little town in England not long ago the entire family had been at church and the young minister was coming home to dine with them. While dinner they were discussing the new stained glass window a member had given. "It is a most beautiful piece of workmanship," said one, "and must have cost a great deal of money." "Do you have any idea how much?" "I really do not," replied the minister, "but far into the hundreds, I should imagine."

"No, it didn't," said Little Harold. "I know how much it was. It cost £1,100." "Why, Harold, how do you know anything about it?" "Because, matron, it says at the bottom of the window, 'Job 14, 10.'"—London Globe.

Home Piety.

"John," said the minister of a Scotch parish, "I fear you are growing remiss in your religious duties. I have not seen you in the kirk these three Sundays." "No," answered John, "it's no that I'm growin' remiss; I'm just takin' away wi' my soul muse."—Methodist Recorder.

A Compliment.

"What did he say when you told him he was the worst liar you ever knew?" "He merely remarked that he had been beaten before."—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Hard Luck.

Mrs. Hatterson—What! You've had fourteen epochs in three months? Mrs. Hatterson—Yes, and I didn't please any of them.—Life.

Never yet when the rays of consciousness shone upon me did I feel so good.



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Hospital Wireless. A very efficient system of wireless telegraphy exists in every hospital as far as the possession of the finest sprinzen white this belief still holds. Charles the Bold proudly paraded six, two of them eight feet long, two six feet, two five feet. According to Burroughs Codd, "the finest ever seen," which had over seventeen thousand dents of the Codd, was the one for which at the pope's command he made a design. "The finest thing imaginable, modeled half on a horse and half on a stag with very fine mane and other accoutrements. Codd speaks of the one at St. Denis as about three yards long, and Windsor had two of four eels. The real "nacora" in many cases seems to have been the narwhal.—London Chronicle.

Last week a boy suffering from a peculiar kind of throat trouble was brought into a first floor ward. The doctors were very much interested in the case, yet they took special pains never to mention it in the hearing of another patient. But for all the good their caution did they might as well have told all the news. The boy died and great was the sweating blood, and great was the relief as to the possession of the finest sprinzen white this belief still holds. Charles the Bold proudly paraded six, two of them eight feet long, two six feet, two five feet. According to Burroughs Codd, "the finest thing imaginable, modeled half on a horse and half on a stag with very fine mane and other accoutrements. Codd speaks of the one at St. Denis as about three yards long, and Windsor had two of four eels. The real "nacora" in many cases seems to have been the narwhal.—London Chronicle.

Few Flies in Bohemia. Bohemia is singularly free from flies in most of the dining rooms in Prague during the course of a meal perhaps three or four flies appear during the session. In restaurants there are very few flies. There screen doors to keep out flies and other insects are unknown. The buildings are all constructed of brick, stone or concrete. The doors and windows are granite. The pavements and sidewalks are made of granite blocks. There are no wood sidewalks, driveways or buildings in

the city. ... any vegetable or animal matter is not openly exposed to flies and the streets are frequently cleaned during the day. There are no open drains in the city to attract and breed flies. The absence of flies can only be ascribed to the lack of breeding places.

Windmills as Newspapers. In Holland births, marriages and deaths, instead of being recorded in newspapers, are indicated by windmills. When a miller gets married he changes his mill with the arms of the wife in a slanting position and with the sails unfurled. His friends and guests frequently do likewise with their mills, in token of the ceremony. To indicate a birth the wheel is stopped with the arms in a slanting position, but at a more acute angle than for a marriage and with the two upper sails unfurled. Should a

windmill and the wheel is turned round until the arms form an upright cross, in which position they are left until after the funeral has taken place.

Always Rainy. There is a group of islands to the south of New Zealand called the Six or Seven Sisters, which are reported to be subjected to a practically continual rainfall. The rain falls

sight in the task.

Pretty Poor Chances. "You can't tell me there's no rain in the world." "How now?" "I left a box of chocolates in the sun and reddened the outside." "The chocolates?"

BERRYMAN'S

The Christmas Store
GIFT HEADQUARTERS

Our store is Charleroi's Christmas Store. We have a complete line of Christmas goods, and we have never before shown such variety. Make this store your shopping point when looking for gifts.

Wearing Apparel For The Whole Family,
and gotten up so nicely that you will have little trouble in getting nice gifts. Be practical by buying practical gifts and your friends will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

This store will be open nights until Christmas, for those who cannot buy in daytime.

Shop early and in the day if possible as we can give you better attention and in selecting colors you can judge them better.

PROGRAM AT THE STAR

FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9.

Monday.

Taking Care of Baby	Than.
Mary's Goat	Than.
The Tree Imp	Maj.
One, Two, Three	Amer.
Tuesday.	
Put Yourself in His Place, 2 reels	Than.
Doolley's Triumph	Comet
Wednesday.	
A Brother's Requital	Rel.
A Magnetic Personality	Lux
Spijkens Eats Frogs	Lux
Bolivian Army	Gan.
Thursday.	
Lost Stud—Disturbed Sentry Gt. Nor.	St.
Tempest in a Teapot	Comet
Cupid's Lottery	Gan.
Friday.	
Chiquita, the Dancer	Amer.
Men Who Dare, 2 reels	Rel.
Saturday.	
The Wanderer	Amer.
Oh, My Pipe	Rel.
Hempke Bids for Freedom	Lux
Domestic Treasures	Gan.

KEPT AN EYE ON THE HOUSE

A Neighborly Act That Resisted in a Series of Errors.

A gentleman and his wife occupying a villa in a London suburb asked a neighbor to "keep an eye on the place" while they were away on their annual holiday. The neighbor consented and on the first night of his caretaking noticed a light in the bedroom of the presumably unoccupied house and saw the light extinguished.

Accompanied by a policeman, the neighbor made a forcible entrance through the scullery window, and quietly the two men made their way to the bedroom. The light of the constable's bollseye disclosed the head of a man in bed, and the policeman promptly drew his truncheon.

As promptly the occupant of the bed sprang out, and a desperate struggle began. Simultaneously a lady dashed across the room shrieking, threw open the window and at considerable peril clambered out. A second constable, passing at the moment, concluded that the lady was bent on suicide and, entering the front garden, held himself in readiness to catch the woman, who appeared to be about to fling herself to the ground.

The neighbor, however, dragged the lady back into the room, and then the truth began to assert itself. The captured invader of the empty house and the escaping lady were the occupant and his wife, who had suddenly changed their holiday arrangements without informing their too vigilant neighbor.—London Globe.

Hostel and Inn.

At one time the words "hostel" and "inn" were not confined to licensed houses, but were applied to lodging houses. The "inns" of Oxford and Cambridge, very numerous before the introduction of colleges, were regulated by the college authorities. The inns of court were provided for the accommodation of law students. In olden times country houses of the aristocracy, during the absence of the owners, were used as "inns" or guest houses. It was then the rule to hang out as signs the arms of the owners: hence the origin of public house signs.—London Globe.

Making it easier.

"George Dingebat isn't the ninth time you have asked me to marry you?"

Flower Shop.

"I am sorry, George, but I have no time to go to the flower shop."

THE "GOBLIN FRIAR."

One of the Specters That Are Said to Haunt Newstead Abbey.

Newstead abbey, the home of Lord Byron, has the reputation of being haunted by more than one specter, and many curious noises and strange sights have been heard and seen by residents and visitors there. But the best known and most noted specter connected with the place and immortalized in Byron's verse is the "Goblin Friar." The particular chamber which this specter is supposed especially to frequent and which is known par excellence as the "haunted chamber" adjoins Byron's bedroom. Lord Byron and many others not only believed in the existence of the Black Friar, but asserted that they had really seen it. It did not confine its visitations, however, to the "haunted chamber," but at night walked the cloisters and other portions of the abbey.

A monk arrayed in cowl and beads and dusky garb appeared.

Now in the moonlight and now lapsed in shade.

With steps that trod as heavy, yet unheard.

This apparition is the evil genius of the Byrons, and its appearance portends misfortune of some kind to the member of the family to whom it appears. Lord Byron fully believed that he had this apparition a short time before the greatest misfortune of his life, his ill-starred union with Miss Milbanke. Alluding to his belief in these things, he said:

I merely mean to say what Johnson said—that in the course of some six thousand years.

All nations have believed that from the dead.

A visitor at intervals appears,

And what is strangest upon this strange head.

Is that whatever bears the reason nears

Greatest such beliefs there's something stronger still.

In its behalf, let those deny who will.

—Kansas City Star.

HAYDN AND THE ROD.

When the Budding Composer Was Flogged by Royal Command.

An amusing incident of the healthy boyhood of the great composer, Joseph Haydn, is given by Mary Maxwell Moffat in her biography of the austrian empress, Maria Theresa.

When von Reutter became choirmaster of St. Stephen's cathedral he had Joseph Haydn among his pupils.

During a visit to the Hungarian Prince Esterhazy, in 1773, Maria Theresa took occasion to say a word of praise to Haydn, who had composed the music of the opera given in her honor and had conducted the performance. She expressed the conviction that she had seen him before, although she could not remember the occasion.

"The last time your majesty was pleased to take notice of me," said Haydn, "you ordered me a good thrashing."

"That does not sound like me," rejoined the empress. "How did it happen?"

Then Haydn told of a Whitsuntide when, with other pupils of von Reutter, he had been brought to Schoenbrunn to sing in the chapel. Between the services the boys took to clambering over the scaffolding of the new wings of the palace. The empress caught sight of them and sent word forbidding the dangerous sport. But the attraction of the scaffolding was irresistible. On the following day the boys were again risking their necks. When Maria Theresa expostulated with von Reutter his surmise that the ringleader was "that young scamp, Joseph Haydn," led her to suggest that the rod be used to improve his memory.

The Glowworm Cavern.

The greatest wonder of the antipodes is the celebrated glowworm cavern, discovered in 1891 in the heart of the Tasmanian wilderness. The cavern or caverns (there appears to be a series of such caverns in the vicinity, each separate and distinct) are situated near the town of Southport, Tasmania, in a limestone bluff, about four miles from Ida Bay. The appearance of the main cavern is that of an underground river, the entire floor of the subterranean passage being covered with water about a foot and a half in depth. These wonderful Tasmanian caves are similar to all caverns found in limestone formation, with the exception that their roofs and sides literally shine with the light emitted by the millions of glowworms which inhabit them.

Strange Cure For Lunacy.

Our forefathers were so fond of the whip that they seem to have regarded it as a cure for lunacy and even for smallpox. The accounts of a Huntingdonshire parish under date 1691 bear the entry: "P'd. in charges taking up a distracted woman, watching her and whipping her next day, 8s. 6d." and a few years later eightpence is paid for "whipping two people, yt had the smallpox."—London Standard.

How, Indeed?

Small Boy—Sister said to ask if you had any invisible ink. New Drug Clerk (after looking among some bottles)—I guess we haven't at least I don't see any. Small Boy (smiling merrily)—Huh! How do you expect to see it if it's invisible?—Chicago News.

Tart Retort.

Restaurant patron (caustically)—I am glad to see your baby has shot up.

Mother—Yes, sir. You are the only thing that's pleased him since he saw the animals eat at the zoo.

Waitress—Well, I'm glad to see you're doing well.

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THREE FINGERS

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TO LAUNDRY GIRL

Getting her hand caught in the cog wheel of a laundry machine and having three fingers severed will be worth \$10,500 to Miss Maud R. McLaughlin of Vandegrift. Last week the Westmoreland county courts awarded her that sum in damages in her suit against the Kiski Valley Laundry company.

Oliver Twist at the Coyle.

All the pathetic as well as the thrilling adventures of Oliver Twist, that most delightful creation of Charles Dickens, will be shown at the Coyle Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, in which Nat C. Goodwin and his star company pose for the films.

Oliver's life from the time of his birth in the poor house, his experience with Fagan in the school of thieves and his attempted burglary at the instigation of the robber, Bill Sykes are graphically shown, as well as the startling exposition of the life of the underworld in London at that time. The photoplay is in five parts, and a lecturer supplies the theme of the story.

FORMER CHARLEROI TEACHER MARRIED

Miss Viola Van Voorhis, daughter of Clinton Van Voorhis, of Monongahela and Harry A. Irwin, of Monessen were married Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. F. McCabe, at Monongahela. They will likely live at Monessen.

The Last Hour.

Beautiful Drama In Four Reels, Palace Theatre Tonight, and Famous Palace Orchestra.

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Bazaar New Open.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church have opened their annual Christmas bazaar in the Vetter building on McKean avenue, next to J. B. Schaffer's jewelry store. They have a fine array of fancy articles for Christmas giving as well as other things to suit present requirements. The bazaar will be open the first three days of the week.

Good Bill at the Star.

Four photoplays is the bill at the Star Theatre tonight. Two of these are Thanhouser, one a majestic and one an American. All these films are topliners.

Notice.

The Charleroi Skating Rink will be open on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10. 117-tl

THE CRAVING FOR FOOD.

Man Eats Because He's Hungry, Not For Scientific Reasons.

In an article in the Popular Science Monthly Professor W. B. Cannon of the Harvard Medical school writes: "Why do we eat?" This question presented to a group of educated people is likely to bring forth the answer: "We eat to compensate for body waste or to supply the body with fuel for its labors." Although the body is in fact losing weight continuously and drawing continuously on its store of energy, and although the body must periodically be supplied with fresh material and energy in order to keep a more or less even balance between the income and the outgo, this maintenance of weight and strength is not the motive for taking food.

"Primitive man and the lower animals may be regarded as quite unacquainted with notions of the equilibrium of matter and energy in the body, and yet they take food and have an efficient existence in spite of this ignorance. In nature generally important processes, such as the preservation of the individual and the continuance of the race are not left to be determined by intellectual considerations, but are provided for in automatic devices. Natural desires and impulses arise in consciousness, driving us to action, and only by analysis do we learn their origin or divine their significance. Thus our primary reasons for eating are to be found not in convictions about metabolism, but in the experiences of appetite and hunger."

Order of the Dragon.

There is at least one order of American officers that congress has recognized to the extent of permitting the members to wear the badge with their

titles. The Order of the Dragon.

The Order of the Dragon, established in 1600, is composed of officers of the army and navy who served in China during the Boxer troubles, and there are honorary members from other armies and navies which took part in the conflict of the allies. The society

renders descriptive songs of his work.

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For Christmas Jewelry Gifts see our Ad on page 3. H. Porter, Charleroi.

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